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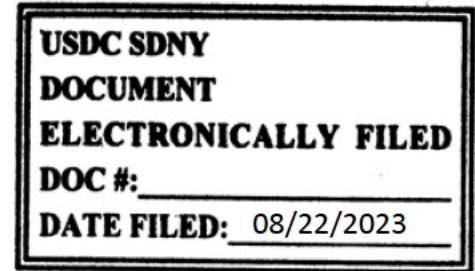
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VIA ECF

Hon. Stewart D. Aaron
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007



Re: *Rankine v. Levi Strauss & Co.*, No. 22-CV-3362

Dear Judge Aaron:

We represent Defendant Levi's Only Stores, Inc. ("Levi's," incorrectly designated as "Levi Strauss & Co.") in the above-referenced matter. We write together with Counsel to Plaintiff to request that the Court stay all deadlines set forth in the July 24, 2023 Case Management Plan, including the August 25, 2023 deadline for the Parties to participate in a settlement conference.

The Parties have agreed to explore mediation through a private mediator. The Parties anticipate jointly agreeing to and participating in a mediation within the next 60 days. If the mediation is unsuccessful, the Parties will alert the Court and propose new deadlines to govern the remainder of the action.¹

We thank the Court for its attention to this matter. Should Your Honor have any questions, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Brian D. Murphy

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cc: All Counsel of Record
SMRH:4893-8894-4236.1

The parties' Joint Letter Motion (ECF No. 55) is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART. The deadline for fact discovery is extended to 4/23/2024. The parties may extend the interim deadlines on consent without application to the Court. The deadline for a settlement conference is adjourned *sine die*. The parties shall submit a joint letter regarding the status of mediation on 10/23/2023. SO ORDERED.

Dated: 08/22/2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stewart D. Aaron".

¹ Notwithstanding the instant request, the Parties anticipate participating in limited discovery in aid of mediation.